

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, independent claim 44 will be the sole remaining claim in the present application, all of claims 1-43 now having been cancelled.

In the Office Action dated March 10, 2009, the applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration (Submission with Request for Continued Examination) submitted on February 3, 2009, was found not to be fully responsive to the prior Office Action. In this regard, newly-submitted method claims 38-43 were found to be no longer directed to the apparatus that the applicants had previously elected to pursue in the present application. The Office Action suggested the filing of a divisional application to pursue the new method claims.

As suggested in the Office Action, applicants are filing concurrently herewith a divisional application to pursue the method claims presented in the previous Amendment.

In order to avoid having no claims remaining in the present application such that the present application could be said to have been abandoned, applicants are presenting a new claim 44, which is an amended version of former independent claim 16.

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A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time accompanies this submission.
Please charge any additional fees, and credit any overpayment, incurred in
connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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